



Appendix E:

Sprint Carrier of Choice Letter of Invitation



(date)

(name)

(Company name)

(address)

(telephone)

(fax)

(e-mail address)

Re: (Customer's name and phone number – requested LEC for
COC)

Thank you for your interest to complete (Company Name) Long Distance calls with Sprint Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS). As the default Toll carrier for processing relay calls in more than thirty-two states (32), Sprint currently transports the traffic of customers who have selected you as their Toll carrier. However, many of your customers would prefer to use (Company Name) LD for their toll calls. At present, Sprint TRS is unable to send the toll calls from the regional centers or state access tandem to your network. Hence, this letter is being written to make you aware of a potential service-impacting issue regarding TRS calls and measures your company can take to ensure your customers' toll calls are completed through TRS. The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 mandate TRS, and TRS standards are established and are monitored by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). TRS is a service that links telephone conversations between standard (voice) telephone users and people who are deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, or speech disabled using Text Telephone (TTY) equipment. The State Public Utilities Commission manages the day-to-day operations of TRS and has contracted with Sprint Corporation to provide relay service in their states.

Both, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and FCC's Order 00-56 on TRS mandate that all states provide TRS and that TRS users shall have equal access to their chosen interexchange carrier and to all other operator services, to the same extent that such access is provided to voice users. In order to provide this access to your customers, your company is encouraged to submit a letter of authorization to accept TRS calls from Sprint.

Attachment A lists the facility-based providers who currently participate at Sprint TRS Carrier of Choice program. If your company (or your facility based provider) is not currently listed, please review the following and determine the appropriate follow-up action needed to be taken:

Facility-based provider

1. If you are a participating member at Sprint Carrier of Choice program, please disregard.
2. If you are not a participating member at Sprint Carrier of Choice program, you need to establish a network presence at the regional centers or state access tandem and

accept calls from Sprint through the industry method of SS7 trunking and TRS billing codes of Info Digit Pair 60, 66, and 67 (see below).

Non-facility based provider

1. If your underlying toll carrier *is a participating member* at Sprint Carrier of Choice program, Sprint can implement the IXC brand name and pass the toll call information to the underlying carrier's CIC code. Please submit a letter of authorization that would advise Sprint to implement the carrier brand name and to send the toll call information to its underlying toll carrier.
2. If your underlying toll carrier *is not a participating member* at Sprint Carrier of Choice program, you will need to work with your underlying toll carrier to establish a network presence at the regional centers or state access tandem and accept calls from Sprint through the industry method of SS7 trunking and TRS billing codes of Info Digit Pair 60, 66, and 67 (see below).

Before you submit a letter of authorization to Sprint TRS, please consider the following four factors:

3. Your CIC codes or your underlying toll carrier CIC codes associated with 1+, 0+, and 0- and International dialing must be loaded into the regional (and/or state) access tandems.
4. You or your underlying toll carrier will need to support SS7 tandem interconnection.
5. You or your underlying toll carrier will need to ensure that your translation tables are updated in order to appropriately receive, rate, and bill Sprint calls per Bellcore industry standards. Sprint calls are designated as ANI II Digit Pair **60, 66, and 67**.
6. If you utilize more than one underlying toll carrier to carry the toll traffic, select a single toll carrier that will accept Sprint traffic.

***Note:** For detailed information regarding access tandem interconnection and carrier of choice provisioning through Sprint, please refer to ATIS/NIIF-008, the "Telecommunications Relay service – Technical Needs" document.*

Attachment B lists Access Tandem Interconnection locations which Sprint TRS is connected with. The best way to provide access to your Toll network through relay service for your customers is to designate the 13 Sprint Regional TRS center/Access Tandem combinations as the points at which Sprint will hand off Toll relay service traffic to you. In this manner, any relay caller that wishes to use your services may be efficiently, and with minimal time delay, routed to your network. Should you not have a presence at one or more of the Sprint regional center/access tandem combinations, the traffic may be handed off at one of the regional center's access tandem. *Attachment C* is a sample letter of authorization. Once Sprint receives your written request to participate in the Sprint TRS Carrier of Choice program, Sprint will schedule translation updates in the next available release (usually 45 to 90 days). **Information obtained from the carriers will be used solely for the purpose of providing equal access for (Company Name) LD customers and shall be held proprietary.**

Sprint welcomes your company's participation in our TRS Carrier of Choice program at **no cost** to you if your company has network presence at any of our listed regional center/state access tandem locations. Your participation at the Sprint Carrier of Choice program will create a win-win situation for our customers. Through Sprint, as the relay provider, customers will be able to enjoy uninterrupted service and your company will be able to generate additional revenue.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions concerning with the letter, please do not hesitate to call (Account Manager) at (phone number) or email at (e-mail address).

Sincerely Yours,

(your name)

CC: Michael Fingerhut, Federal Regulatory, Sprint
Angela Officer, Program Manager, Sprint

Attachment A

Current participating members (facility-based providers) at Sprint TRS Carrier of Choice:

<u>Entity</u>	<u>CIC Code</u>
AT&T Communications	0288
Bell South Long Distance	0377
Bestline	0302
Birch Telecom	0678
Broadwing Communications	0948
Broadwing Telecommunications	0071
Cox Communications	6269
Excel Telecommunications, Inc.	0752
Global Crossings Telecommunications	0444
MCIWorldCom	0222
McLeod USA	0725
Qwest Communications	0432
SBC Communications Long Distance	5792
Souris River Telecommunications	0770
Sprint	0333
Telecomm*USA (MCIWorldCom)	0220, 0321, 0835, 0987
Touch America Services, Inc.	0244
U.S. Link	0355
VarTec dba Clear Choice Communications	0636
VarTec Telecom, Inc.	0465, 0638, 0811, 0899, 5111
Verizon Long Distance	5483
Winstar	0643
Working Assets	0649
WorldCom	0555, 0987
WorldXChange	0502, 0834

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Attachment B

Access Tandem Interconnection Locations

State	Access Tandem	Tandem CLLI	Tandem LEC
Missouri	Kansas City	KSCYMO5503T	SBC
Texas	Ft Worth	FTWOTXED03T	SBC
North Carolina	Charlotte	CHRLNCCA05T	Bell South
South Carolina	Charleston	CHTNSCDT60T	Bell South
New York	Syracuse	SYRCNYSU50T	Verizon
Ohio	Dayton	DYTNOH225GT	Ameritech
South Dakota	Sioux Falls	SXFLSDCO09T	Qwest
North Dakota	Bismarck	BSMRNDBC12T	Qwest
Arkansas	Little Rock	LTRKARFR02T	Southwestern Bel
Florida	Miami	NDADFLGG01T	Bell South
California	Sacramento	SCRMCA0103T	Verizon / Pac Bel
Colorado	Denver	DNVRCOMA02T	Qwest
Illinois	Chicago	CHCGILNE50T	Ameritech
Minnesota	Owatonna	OWTNMNOW12T	Qwest
Wyoming	Cheyenne	CHYNWYMA03T	Qwest

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Attachment C

S A M P L E Letter of Authorization

< DATE >

<Name>, Account Manager
<Street1> <Street2>
<City>, <State> <Zip Code>
FAX: <Fax. No.>

This letter of authorization has been issued to give Sprint TRS permission to send < Toll Carrier Company Name > toll traffic associated with 1+, 0+, and 0- and International dialing through Sprint TRS at the < Regional COC Tandems >.

1. Regional COC Tandems

You will need to provide Sprint with the following:

Toll Carrier: < insert name>

CIC Code: <insert CIC>

Underlying Toll Carrier: <insert name>

Underlying Carrier CIC Code: <insert CIC>

Choose Tandem Below

State	Access Tandem	Tandem CLLI	Tandem LEC
Missouri	Kansas City	KSCYMO5503T	SBC
Texas	Ft Worth	FTWOTXED03T	SBC
North Carolina	Charlotte	CHRLNCCA05T	Bell South
South Carolina	Charleston	CHTNSCDT60T	Bell South
New York	Syracuse	SYRCNYSU50T	Verizon
Ohio	Dayton	DYTNOH225GT	Ameritech
South Dakota	Sioux Falls	SXFLSDCO09T	Qwest
North Dakota	Bismarck	BSMRNDBC12T	Qwest
Arkansas	Little Rock	LTRKARFR02T	Southwestern Bel
Florida	Miami	NDADFLGG01T	Bell South
California	Sacramento	SCRMCA0103T	Verizon / Pac Bel
Colorado	Denver	DNVRCOMA02T	Qwest
Illinois	Chicago	CHCGILNE50T	Ameritech
Minnesota	Owatonna	OWTNMNOW12T	Qwest
Wyoming	Cheyenne	CHYNWYMA03T	Qwest

2. Call Type Restrictions

< Toll Carrier Brand Name > will accept any intrastate, international and operator services call types that will be routed to the < tandem location(s) > tandems.

OR

< Toll Carrier Brand Name > will accept any (*specify intrastate, interstate, international, and operator services*) call types except for (*specify what call types and restrictions*) that should not be routed to the < tandem location > tandems.

If there are any questions regarding this letter of authorization, please contact < Name >, < Job Title >, < Department Name > at xxx-xxx-xxxx.

Sincerely, < Name >< Job Title >, < Department Name >